

Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Crash Involving a Tractor Trailer – Middletown

Middletown– Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash involving a tractor trailer that occurred at approximately 9:55 p.m., Monday, January 25, 2021, on the exit ramp to Lorewood Grove Road from southbound Route 1.

The initial investigation has determined a 2012 Freightliner Cascadia, operated by a 63-year-old male from Coral Springs, FL, was traveling southbound Route 1 utilized the exit for Lorewood Grove Road. For reasons unknown, the Freightliner failed to negotiate the curve on the exit ramp. The Freightliner rolled over onto its driver side and subsequently struck a guardrail on the south side of the ramp. The impact with the guardrail caused the Freightliner to then rollover onto its roof.

The operator of the Freightliner was property restrained but was pronounced deceased at the scene. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

The Freightliner was pulling a trailer loaded with cargo at the time of the collision. The exit for Lorewood Grove Road from southbound Route 1 is closed while this collision is investigated and cleared. The exit for Lorewood Grove Road remains closed.

The investigation is ongoing, and anyone with information regarding the crash should contact Det. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8486. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet

at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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